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Ontario



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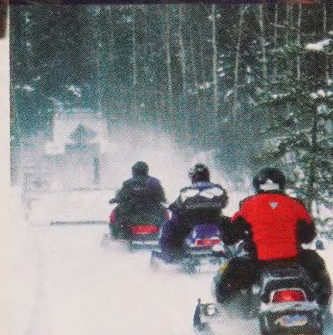
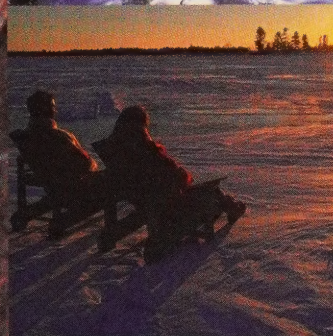
sledding our groomed trails



From Kenora to Kingston, Cochrane to Caledon, we're rolling out the white carpet to welcome you to "Snow Country Ontario" – a place where winter is a season to embrace and revel in. We have the trails, towns and terrain to fulfil almost any snowmobiler's fantasies.

Whether you dream of table-top smooth groomed trails flanked by craggy cliffs...gliding across stake-marked frozen lakes with pine-lined shores...roughing it in rustic cottages or relaxing at a luxurious resort...tripping by day or trekking by night under the Northern Lights...you'll find the ultimate snowmobiling thrills in "Snowmobile Paradise."

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) 261 member clubs, operating a 350 piece fleet of grooming equipment, restore trails as conditions permit. OFSC trails are generally 3 m (10 ft.) to 9 m (30 ft.) wide. Colour-coded signs and reflective stakes identify most main corridors and water crossings.



Trail Highlights

- Ontario boasts the largest recreational trail system in the world, earning the nickname, “Snowmobile Paradise.”
- With 46,000 km (28,580 mi.) of interconnected OFSC trails, up to 300 cm (120 in.) average snowfall in some areas and diverse terrain, you can enjoy every snowmobiling experience imaginable.
- Ontario offers world-class trail riding for snowmobilers of all ages and experience levels. Combine this with the low amounts of traffic and it makes for a perfect ride along endless trails – often without seeing any other riders.
- Discover all the off-trail activities and adventures waiting to excite and delight you in Snow Country Ontario.

The OFSC Trans Ontario Provincial (TOP) trails are designed to provide snowmobile-friendly access to hundreds of communities who warmly welcome you with accommodations, restaurants and services including sled maintenance, spare parts, snowmobile/trailer parking, sled rentals and fuel stops. When you're not on the trails, check out the multitude of other activities that make a visit to Snow Country a heartwarming experience. Avid anglers enjoy some of the best ice fishing in the world. Explore thousands of kilometres of groomed cross-country trails that wind through pristine forests. Make memorable downhill runs on mogul-filled slopes. Once a primary mode of winter transportation, try your hand at dogsledding. And for an energizing toboggan, runner sled or snow tube ride, pick any hill in the province. When it's time for some indoor action, you'll find shopping, dining, theatres, attractions and museums of all kinds in cities and smaller centres throughout the province.

So come hop on your snowmobile, rev up your engine, take to the trails and discover why...s'no place like Ontario. For more information on Snow Country fun, please visit www.ontariotravel.net

Ontario's Snowmobile Routes

This map shows the Trans Ontario Provincial (TOP) Snowmobile Trail System which connects approximately 18,000 miles of regional trails (not shown).

It is now law in the province of Ontario that each sled using an OFSC trail must display a valid snowmobile trail permit. Trail permits can be purchased at thousands of snowmobiling service and hospitality locations throughout the province. For more information, visit www.ofsc.on.ca. See page 21 for an overview of snowmobile trails in Ontario.

MAP KEY

Snowmobile Routes

OFSC TOP TRAILS

— Trunk Trails

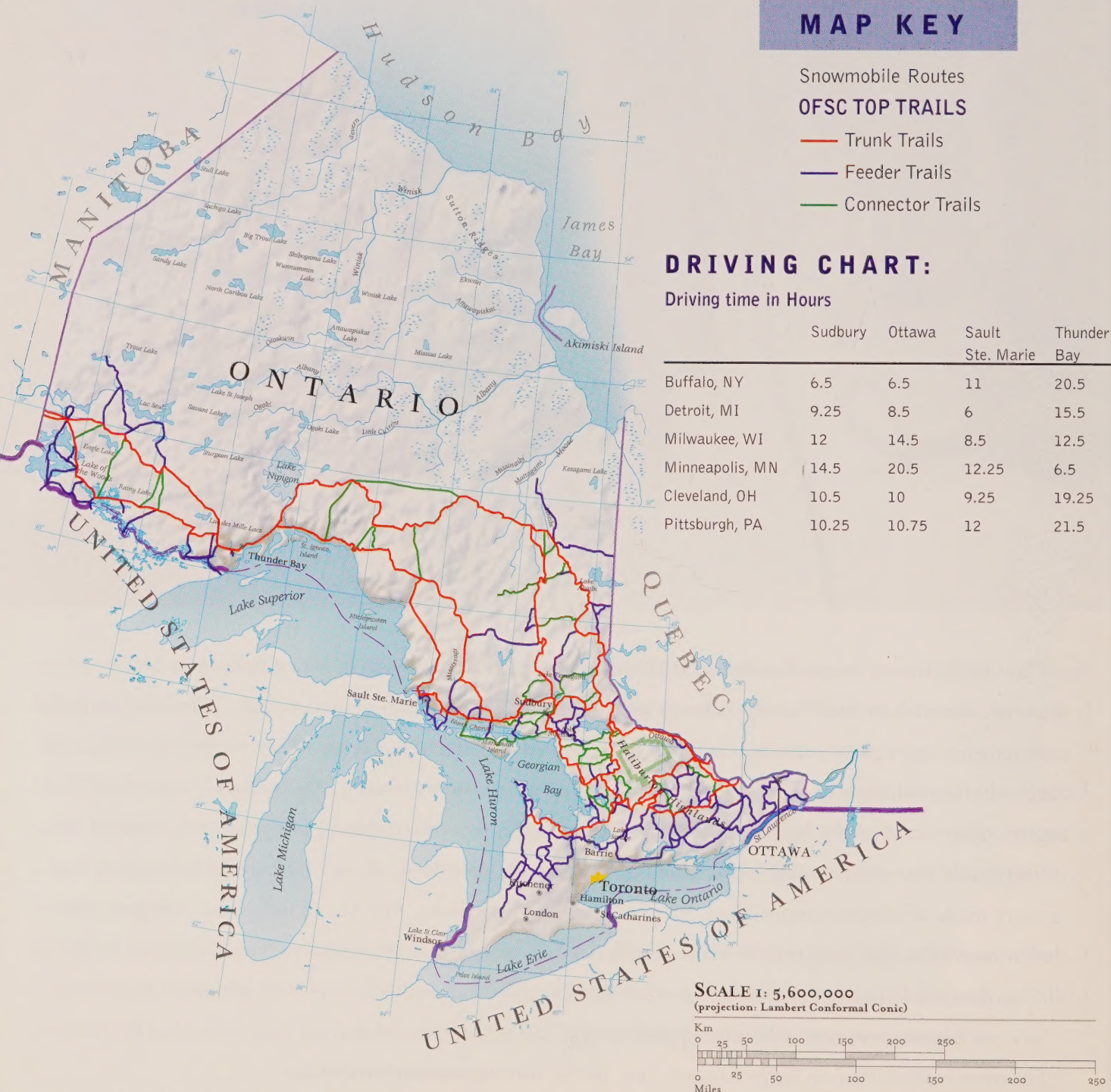
— Feeder Trails

— Connector Trails

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Driving time in Hours

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Milwaukee, WI	12	14.5	8.5	12.5
Minneapolis, MN	14.5	20.5	12.25	6.5
Cleveland, OH	10.5	10	9.25	19.25
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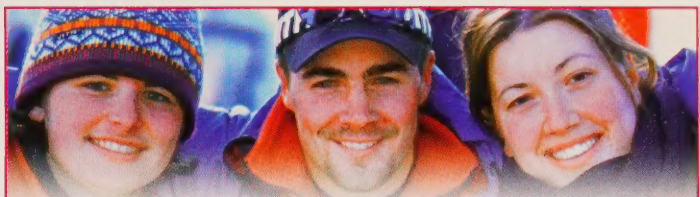
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WINTER EVENTS IN ONTARIO

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has something for everyone, young and old alike. Go for a group skate on the world's longest skating rink. Marvel at the glittering ice and snow sculptures and enjoy the full array of FREE weekend activities.

January 31, 2003 – February 16, 2003
Ottawa-Gatineau

Warton Willie Festival

Watch Willie emerge and if he sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't there will be an early spring. Each year the community of Warton presents the annual Groundhog Festival.

January 31, 2003 – February 2, 2003
Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo

The Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo celebrates its 40th anniversary hosting more than 125 varied events and activities during the 10-day carnival...there's something for everyone...from the preschooler to the senior citizen. Opening Night is nothing less than spectacular, complete with entertainment, midway rides, games of chance, sleigh rides and a Fireworks Extravaganza.

Jan. 31, 2003–Feb. 9, 2003
Sault Ste. Marie

Winterlude

Weekends of January 31 to February 16, explore Canada's Capital Region during Winterlude, North America's greatest winter festival. Winterlude is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and

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northern ontario

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Sunset Country Ride with the wind or slice through it as spectacular vistas take your breath away. Or ride beside a frozen river into a magnificent sunset.

North of Superior Wide groomed trails lead you to the highest, most challenging mountainous terrain in Ontario or into the glory of deep-powder riding.

James Bay Frontier From wide-open runs to guided tours to saddlebag treks and ultimate wilderness adventures, you can tour for weeks and never ride the same trail twice.

Algoma Country Diverse terrain offers unlimited snowmobiling opportunities – from steep trails meandering up mountainous hills to gently rolling countryside to the rush of following a stake line across a frozen lake.

Rainbow Country Snowmobile under clear blue skies as you skim across countless marked lake trails, glide through majestic forests and catch sight of an astounding variety of wildlife.

Near North Home of “The Greatest Snow on Earth,” this spectacular area is known for its self-guided tours and offers limitless riding possibilities for every level of expertise.

southern ontario

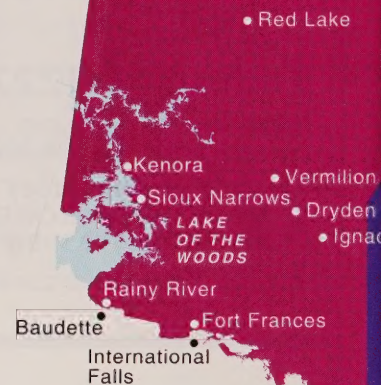
Ride almost 23,000 kilometres (14,250 mi.) of Ontario’s most established and best developed OFSC trails through a wide variety of terrain ranging from cottage country lakelands to rolling farm country and the rugged Precambrian Shield. Discover the diversity of a region where rural simplicity meets urban pizzazz and there’s a new memory awaiting around every corner. Located in close proximity to border access points at Detroit, Port Huron, Buffalo and along the St. Lawrence River, this region boasts numerous trailheads that are the gateway to Ontario snowmobiling.

Southwestern Cruise over “Sunshine Coast” sand dunes and ridges of the Niagara Escarpment. Sled along old railway beds, through rolling countryside, magnificent forests, dense bush and open straight-aways.

Central In cottage country you can ride beside hundreds of frozen lakes or follow magnificent trails through Precambrian forests under a sparkling white canopy formed by towering trees.

Eastern Discover the diverse landscapes, charming villages, friendly people and distinct French flavour of communities along the Ottawa River, while riding some of the region’s most historical trail corridors.

MANITOBA



MINNESOTA

Duluth



sledding in **Southwestern Ontario**



When the showy colours of autumn begin to fade, Southwestern Ontario transforms itself into a snowy wonderland where over a quarter-century of trail building and grooming have established an exciting network of OFSC snowmobile trails.

Stretching from Niagara Falls to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula and The Blue Mountains from Lake Huron to Kitchener/Waterloo, this vast winter haven offers an incredible variety of riding terrain, on TOP Trails located north of the Highway 401 corridor. Visitors from New York, Pennsylvania and New England can easily access this area from Detroit, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

On the trails in Bruce County, ride over imposing “Sunshine Coast” sand dunes, on old railway beds or through the rolling countryside, dense bush and open straight-aways of Saugeen Country. And in Grey County,



Trail Highlights

- Ride TOP Trail B and W which connect trails on the Great Divide
- Bruce and Grey counties combined have over 3,000 km (1,900 miles) of groomed FPM snowmobile trails
- Police, fire, and other emergency services are reported 24 hours from the coast by local snowmobile clubs
- For your safety and comfort, all snowmobile trails in Southwestern Ontario are lined with "thornless" trees, avoiding frozen lakes
- Major highways connect from the U.S. to Canada in the Windsor, Sarnia, Port Huron and Detroit ports

follow the ridges of the Niagara Escarpment on trails that will take you through majestic forests of cedar, spruce, pine and fir, all decked out in winter finery.

Catch a feeder trail near Goderich, Strathroy or Fergus and link up with the TOP Trail B and ride into the rest of the province. Numerous TOP and local trails also connect many of Southwestern Ontario's snow belt communities and resort areas where you can enjoy a multitude of activities – downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice fishing, winter festivals, shopping and dining. After your exciting day on the trails, stay in a wide range of accommodations varying from bed and breakfasts, cottages, motels, hotels and full-service resorts.

For more information about snowmobiling in Southwestern Ontario, please visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/tourism, www.greycounty.on.ca or www.ontariotravel.net

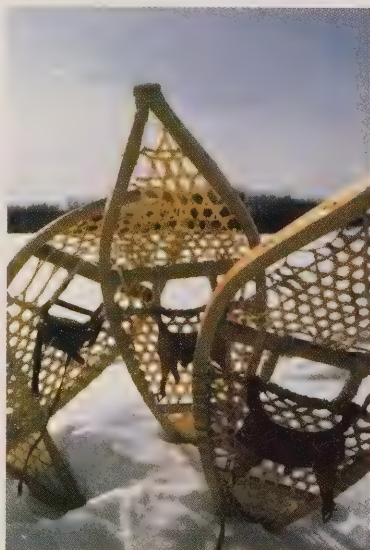


SOUTH GREY COUNTY

The South Grey Regional Snowmobile Association consists of six community snowmobile clubs maintaining 775 km

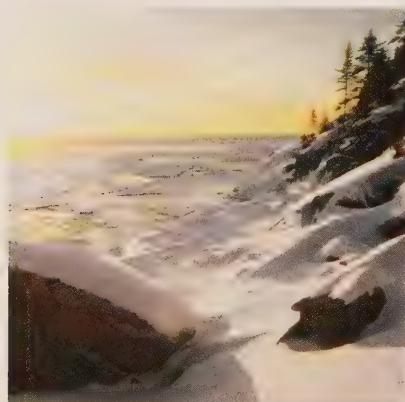
(480 mi.) of OFSC groomed trails.

Communities that are connected include Arthur, Durham, Conn, Mount Forest, and south of Grey County the charming villages of Fergus and Elora where you'll discover quaint shops, a variety of restaurants and accommodations including bed and breakfasts. Fergus and Elora are also near the cities of Guelph and the twin cities of Kitchener/Waterloo, which celebrate their German heritage with schnitzel, bratwurst and other hearty Bavarian fare. Other winter recreational activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating and winter camping.



NORTH GREY AND BRUCE COUNTIES

SOUTHAMPTON/SAUBLE BEACH



Located on Ontario's Sunshine Coast, Southampton is known for its lighthouse, awesome winter landscapes, cross-country skiing trails, and exhilarating

snowmobiling trails that soar over spectacular sand dunes. Sauble Beach, which is just north of Southampton, is a popular four-season resort which hosts the Sauble Beach Winterfest in late January and the Sauble Sno Riders Radar Run in mid-February. From Sauble Beach, take Trail B108 and venture to Tobermory situated on the tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

TOBERMORY

Pretty as a Christmas card, this community is your gateway to the breathtaking OFSC trails that run along the ridges of the Niagara Escarpment. Maintained by the Tobermory Snowmobile Club, the majority of trails run through forests of cedar, spruce, pine and tamarack and along a number of beautiful inland lakes. There are restaurants, motels and gas stations along the trails and you'll find an abundance of winter recreational activities including the thrill of ice-diving in Fathom Five National Marine Park.

LION'S HEAD

Rev up your engines and head south on TOP Trail B108 to B107 that will take you to Lion's Head, situated on the



45th parallel, halfway between the equator and North Pole. Named for the silhouette of a lion's head eroded in the limestone, this charming village of boulder-faced cottages hosts the Central Bruce Peninsula Winter Carnival each February.

WIARTON

Famous for the Wiarton Willie Groundhog Festival when the resident albino groundhog predicts the

arrival of spring, this old-world town on scenic Colpoy's Bay is a mecca for ice fishing, snowmobilers and other winter outdoor enthusiasts. Wiarton offers a variety of accommodations and it's a good place to load up on supplies because it's the largest shopping



area on the peninsula.

OWEN SOUND

Head south from Wiarton to TOP Trail B and catch Trail 110 for a run through the

scenic Beaver Valley or follow the main trail to Owen Sound, a spectacular city that truly knows how to celebrate winter.

Flanked on both sides by the imposing cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment, Owen Sound has an average snowfall of 340 cm (132 in.) and has in fact, been named "one of the snowiest cities in North America."

In addition to just about every winter recreational

activity one can imagine, snowmobilers can enjoy the Festival of Northern Lights with 11 km (7 mi.) of strung lights, 200 lighted displays and special events every weekend from mid-November



to early January. And for one of Ontario's most exciting snowmobiling events, don't miss the Georgian Bay

Cup Snowmobile Races, an annual stop of the professional circuit, which is held each February.

In Owen Sound and the surrounding area, there are over 400 motels, hotels and bed and breakfasts, many with direct access to trails.

During your stay enjoy dining, shopping and attractions like the Billy Bishop Museum and the Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery.



THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Formerly Thornbury and Collingwood Township, The Blue

Mountains is renowned for its resorts and spectacular downhill skiing, snowboarding and cross-country skiing.



For information on Bruce County, please visit www.naturalretreat.com/snow

For Grey County, please visit www.greycounty.on.ca or www.ontariotravel.net

sledding in Central Ontario



When winter blankets Ontario's beloved cottage country with all its wonders, this land of shining waters becomes a vast oasis of ice-covered lakes, snow-draped forests and awesome white hills, offering thousands of kilometres of groomed snowmobile OFSC trails.

Spanning an area from Toronto to Southern Georgian Bay and the Muskoka Region, and eastward to the Bancroft District and the Kawartha Lakes, Central Ontario is a wonderful combination of riding terrains where the only limitations are your imagination and inclination. For U.S. visitors from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, this area is easily accessible via Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Climb the ridges of the Niagara Escarpment around the Blue Mountains or the commanding hills of the Bancroft District. Glide through pastoral farmland and gently rolling countryside. Wind your way beside hundreds of



Trail Highlights

- Ride to your heart's content on close to 8,000 km (4,960 mi.) of groomed OPSC trails.
- Climb on TOP Trail B to the heights overlooking Nottawasaga Bay near Collingwood or to the top of the ranger tower just off TOP Trail D101B near Dorset – Central Ontario is a sightseers delight.
- Ride TOP Trails B, C & D through a winter wonderland of snow-covered pines and hardwood forests in the picturesque Central Ontario lakelands.
- Many resorts offer fabulous snowmobiling packages with amenities including indoor pools, fitness centres, nightly entertainment and more.

spectacular lakes. Try your luck at ice fishing. Or follow magnificent trails through Precambrian forests.

Along the way, stop in small cities, towns and villages where the welcome mat is always out for snowmobilers. Participate in local snowmobiling events like poker runs and races or stay on for the many annual winter festivals in the area. At day's end, choose from a variety of accommodations to suit every budget, ranging from housekeeping cottages to country inns, bed and breakfasts, motels and full-service resorts with every amenity.

And after you hit the trails, take time to enjoy all the other activities this region has to offer – downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tobogganing, dog sledding, skating and ice fishing.

For more information about snowmobiling in Central Ontario, please visit www.getawaycountry.com or www.ontariotravel.net

Central Ontario

DURHAM REGION

Considered the "Gateway to Ontario Snowmobiling,"

Durham Region is located less than an hour east of Toronto.

Snowmobilers can glide over 650 km (403 mi.) of groomed trails winding through the rolling countryside of the Oak Ridges Moraine and along the shores of Lake Scugog. From the community of Port Perry, follow Trail E108 north to B103 to connect with the Southern Georgian Bay or Kawartha Trails.

For more information about sledding in the Durham Region, please visit www.region.durham.on.ca or call 1-800-413-0017.



SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY

BARRIE/COLLINGWOOD/WASAGA BEACH

Barrie, the gateway to winter activities, is a major service and retail centre, boasting alpine and cross-country skiing plus ice fishing on Kempenfelt Bay.

Located on the southern shores of Georgian Bay, Collingwood is one of Ontario's premier winter resort areas with lots of restaurants, night spots and a wide range of accommodations. And it's a fabulous place to stay if you want to get in some alpine skiing on Blue Mountain or ski one of the many cross-country trails



in the area. From Blue Mountain, head to Wasaga Beach for a thrilling run on the longest freshwater beach

in the world. Wasaga Beach also has 30 km (18 mi.) of marked and groomed cross-country trails and new snowshoe trails through dunes and forests.

For more information about sledding in Southern Georgian Bay, please visit www.georgiantriangle.org.

www.wasagabeach.com or call 1-866-2WASAGA (292-7242) or 1-705-429-2247.

MIDLAND/PENETANGUISHENE

These towns gear up for winter with an average snowfall of 350 cm (136 in.) that packs itself on 150 km (93 mi.) of groomed OFSC trails running through forested lands and along the beautiful shores of Georgian Bay. The locals celebrate winter with ice fishing, snowshoeing, skiing and the Midland Winterfest. Look for a good selection of accommodations, restaurants and entertainment.

Outside of Midland, take TOP Trail C and follow it north to Muskoka or to TOP B105 which heads south to Orillia where you can test your luck at Casino Rama and take in big-name entertainment.

For more information about sledding in Midland/Penetanguishene, please visit www.town.midland.on.ca

MUSKOKA

Spectacular in summer and breathtaking in winter, Muskoka is a snowmobilers' paradise boasting almost 2,000 km (1,200 mi.) of groomed OFSC trails with terrain that

features Precambrian forests. And with its range of restaurants,



resorts and other accommodations, it's definitely a place to put on the brakes and take a break with a warm Jacuzzi or a cosy fire. Popular stop-off points include Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Bala.

HUNTSVILLE

Located at the northern end of the Muskoka Region, Huntsville is one of Ontario's most popular

four-season resort areas and a place where you can take your winter fun anyway you like it. Fly down the slopes, cross-country ski, skate at Muskoka Heritage Place, or toboggan down the harrowing run at Arrowhead Provincial Park.

For more information about sledding in Muskoka, please visit www.muskoka-tourism.on.ca

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS AND BANCROFT

If you're looking for reliable snow conditions and the



challenge of climbing hill after hill, the 1,200 km (720 mi.) of groomed OFSC trails in the Haliburton

Highlands are just the ticket.

Stay in the pleasant lakeside village of Haliburton and sled through a white canopy of hardwood trees and giant white pine in the nearby Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Or head east on TOP Trail E to Bancroft, the mineral capital of Canada. A gem for snowmobilers with 2,000 km (1,200 mi.) of trails, this region hosts a number of winter festivals including the Bancroft Frosty Frolics and Bancroft Sled Dog Races.

For more information about sledding in the Haliburton Highlands, please visit

www.haliburtonhighlandschamber.on.ca

For Bancroft, please visit

www.commerce.bancroft.on.ca

CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

A vibrant landscape of shining lakes and rivers in the summer, City of Kawartha Lakes becomes a snowmobiler's paradise in the winter. As the gateway

to the North, Kawartha Lakes offers not only over 800 km (500 mi.) of groomed OFSC trails just over an hour north east of Toronto, but an array of winter activities and attractions for the whole family to explore and enjoy.



Our beautiful snow covered scenery from Bethany in the south, through Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls, to Kinmount and Dalrymple in the north attracts snowmobilers looking for great scenic rides. Cosy inns, motels and bed and breakfasts with excellent dining and entertainment in each community await you. Many winter carnivals and festivals are scattered throughout Kawartha Lakes, appealing to the entire community.

Come and discover yourself in Kawartha Lakes...Enjoy the warm and friendly Kawartha hospitality found year-round everywhere you go.

For more information on the City of Kawartha Lakes, accommodations, amenities, events and attractions this winter, please visit www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca or call 1-888-822-2225.

LINDSAY AND PETERBOROUGH

If something more urban is to your liking, try Lindsay or the city of Peterborough where you can skate at the famous Hydraulic Liftlock on the Trent-Severn Waterway. Look for a full range of accommodations, nightly entertainment, shopping, and a good selection of restaurants in both locations.

For more information about snowmobiling in the Kawartha Lakes Region, please visit

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SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN ONTARIO – AN OVERVIEW

Ontario has 46,000 km (28,520 miles) of 'prescribed' snowmobile trails groomed and maintained by local snowmobile clubs who belong to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). These trails are marked with signs indicating 'OFSC Prescribed Trail', and each recreational snowmobile using them requires a valid Snowmobile Trail Permit (see Regulations for specific exemptions).

The OFSC trail system includes both Trans Ontario Provincial (TOP) Trails and regional trails. TOP Trails are 18,000 km (11,160 miles) of primary tourism routes, running from Manitoba in the west to Quebec in the east with links to many snow belt communities, major border crossings, tourism regions and regional trail systems. In addition, 28,000 km (17,360 miles) of groomed OFSC regional trails feed into the TOP Trail system, providing local links to a host of other communities, services and amenities, events and attractions. Navigating the OFSC TOP Trail system is easy. There are three types of TOP Trails: Trunk, Feeder and Connector. Here's how the system works:



TRUNK TRAILS

These main routes for provincial touring are designated by a single letter of the alphabet (e.g. "A") and are colour-coded RED on trail maps and signs.



FEEDER TRAILS

Feeding traffic onto Trunk Trails, these routes are designated by a letter and a 3-digit number (e.g. C112). The letter indicates the Trunk

Trail to which the trail leads. Feeder Trails are colour-coded purple on trail maps and signs.

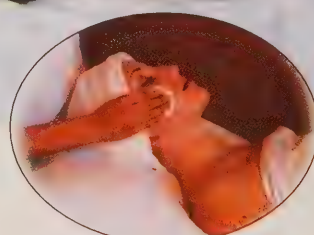


CONNECTOR TRAILS

Linking one Trunk Trail to another, Connector Trails are designated by a one letter – three digit number – one letter combination (e.g. A101D). The letters indicate what two Trunk Trails are being connected. Connector Trails are colour-coded green on trail maps and signs.

OFSC snowmobile trails travel through some of the most remarkable scenery and breathtaking sights available anywhere, and local clubs strive to make their trails as safe as uncertain conditions allow. It is important to remember that snowmobiling occurs in an off-road riding environment that encompasses an infinite variety of unpredictable terrain and unforeseeable natural phenomena. Thus, riding on OFSC snowmobile trails should not be viewed as similar in any way to travel on public roads, where legal requirements, enforcement, regular maintenance, resources, and engineering combine to ensure high standards and predictable conditions. Anything can happen during an off-road experience such as snowmobiling, so snowmobilers must take responsibility for their own riding safety and decisions. Snowmobilers should obey all provincial laws, ride defensively, exercise sound personal judgment and make individual smart choices at all times. In the constantly changing surroundings that characterize OFSC snowmobile trails, it is always prudent to expect the unexpected.

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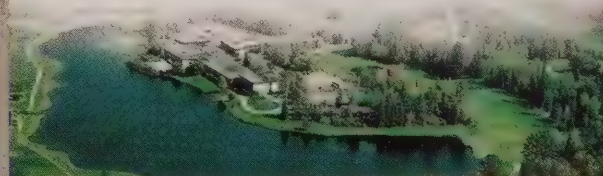
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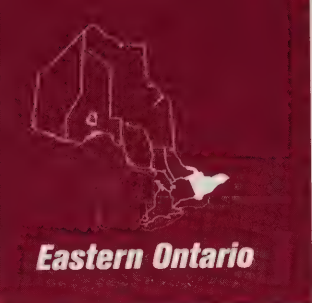
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The joys of our winter extend way beyond OFSC trails. The ice fishing in Sunset Country is legendary. Walk, ski or sled right onto solid lakes. Drop bait next to a waterfall frozen in suspended animation. Land a trophy-



Trail Highlights

- Experience the exhilarating freedom of a vast white region of unspoiled beauty on groomed OFSC trails.
- Enjoy door-to-door access to hotels, resorts and restaurants and sled dealerships as well as service and supply stations.
- The three geographical regions of Sunset Country are all interconnected by a large – 3,000 km (1,860 mi.) – and non-congested network of OFSC trails.
- Discover why *Supertnx Magazine* describes Ontario's northwest as "one of the world's most impressive snowmobile destinations."
- See the world's longest snowmobile bridge at Ear Falls.

size fighter and cook it over your campfire. Or enter it in a fishing derby – they happen all season throughout the region. Bait and tackle are readily available at many accommodations and service stations.

Or if you're looking for a beautiful wilderness experience, strap on your cross-country skis at your door and wend your way through towering forests. Catch a glimpse of deer, fox, moose or behold majestic bald eagles soaring above.

Take a totally different route and try snowshoeing or dogsledding – both are great ways to explore our shores for ancient pictographs. Or cut some fine figure eights on any one of our many lakes.

For more information on Sunset Country, please visit www.sunsetcountry.net or www.ontariotravel.net

RAINY RIVER REGION

Bordering the U.S., Rainy River is one of three regions that inspired *Minnesota Snowmobile Magazine* to describe Sunset

Country as, “the best kept secret in North America’s Snow Belt.”

Please visit www.twspemo.on.ca

FORT FRANCES

The oldest town west of Lake Superior makes a great stopover spot as it offers a good variety of restaurants, accommodations and attractions. The Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre provides an authentic view of pioneer and Aboriginal life. Among numerous seasonal events, the “Fort” hosts the Sunset Country Annual Poker Derby and the Sabre Red Dog Snow Cross.

Please visit www.fortfranceschamber.com

ATIKOKAN

Head east from the “Fort” along TOP Trail D to Atikokan and explore sites that are only accessible by boat or plane in the summer. One such place is White Otter Castle – a massive log house and four-storey tower built single-handedly by James Alexander McQuat in 1912. Pass ancient pictographs and the remnants of a marine railway. Try to catch the Atikokan Entertainment Series.

Please visit www.atikokanonline.com

LAKE OF THE WOODS REGION

KEEWATIN/KENORA/MINAKI

Majestic vistas await you around the second largest lake in Ontario. If you’re flying in, Kenora will be your starting point. If you ride in from the west, stop at Keewatin for the sled dog races.

In Kenora, good shopping and nightlife round out

Sunset Country

RAINY RIVER

Northern hospitality starts here when you enter from TOP Trail D219MN. You can ride your sled right into the town’s hotel and restaurant districts, making it easy to stop for a break, a meal or a night without leaving the trails.

Please visit www.town.rainyriver.on.ca

NESTOR FALLS

Follow the D118 Trail north to see the crystal magic of a frozen waterfall and discover ancient pictographs along its shores. During the February Winter Carnival, you can even try a round of snow golf.

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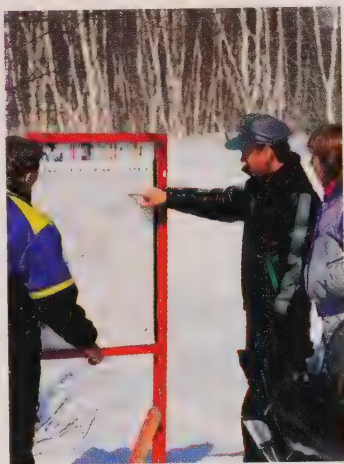
MORSON

Take a short detour west to catch the Annual Live Release Fishing Derby in late-February or St. Patrick’s Pokerama in mid-March.

Please visit www.morson.org

EMO

Head east from Rainy River along Trail D219MN to quaint and charming Emo – the town that boasts the only one-sided main street in North America as well



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delight the family – from the Santa Claus Parade to the Annual First Nations Festival of Culture and Sport in late-March. A

jaunt north to Minaki will take you to the heart of natural splendour and wildlife and to some of Sunset Country's most scenic cross-country and hiking trails.

Please visit www.lakeofthewoods.com

SIoux NARROWS

Travel south from Kenora along TOP Trail D to picturesque Sioux Narrows on Whitefish Bay. Here you can see North America's longest single-span wooden bridge at 63 m (207 ft.) long.

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PATRICIA REGION

This northernmost region of Sunset Country is often called "Canada's Heartland." Most of the snowmobile-friendly towns have a local airport to accommodate regional flights.

Please visit www.heartland.on.ca

VERMILION BAY

Bordering the Lake of the Woods Region, the town's Fort Vermilion gives you a glimpse of life at an early fur trade fort.

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EAR FALLS

Head north on TOP Trail A118 to the "Bald Eagle Capital of North America." Ear Falls is also home to the world's longest snowmobile bridge – 156 m (512 ft.) long – overlooking the English River System 12 m (40 ft.) below.

Please visit www.town.earfalls.on.ca

RED LAKE

Continue north on A117 to the lush forests and abundant wildlife around Red Lake. Snofest in January and the Cross Country Ski-Loppet in February attract fun-loving fans from all over.

Please visit www.red-lake.on.ca

DRYDEN

Located in the southern half of the Patricia Region, you can reach Dryden by heading east from Vermilion Bay on TOP Trail A. In addition to great outdoor activities, the town offers museums, theatre and one-of-a-kind shops. The information centre is located near Max the Moose – the mascot who's hard to miss.

Please visit www.cityofdryden.on.ca

SIoux LOOKOUT

A beautiful destination any time of year, it's pure magic in winter. Ride the Pickerel Arm to frozen Moonlight Falls to see sparkly ice crystals suspended in mid air. Or catch the unique beauty of a partially frozen cascade at English River Falls. For a clear view of the spectacular Northern Lights, aim your sled for Sioux Mountains and watch the sky come to life with colour.



Discover more about Sioux Lookout at www.siouxlookout.com

IGNACE

Take the opportunity to see one of 20 known sites of Ojibway pictographs by following TOP Trail A111 south to Ignace.

From here you can also ride to White Otter Castle. In late-February, the Winter Carnival features a casino, a poker derby and radar runs.

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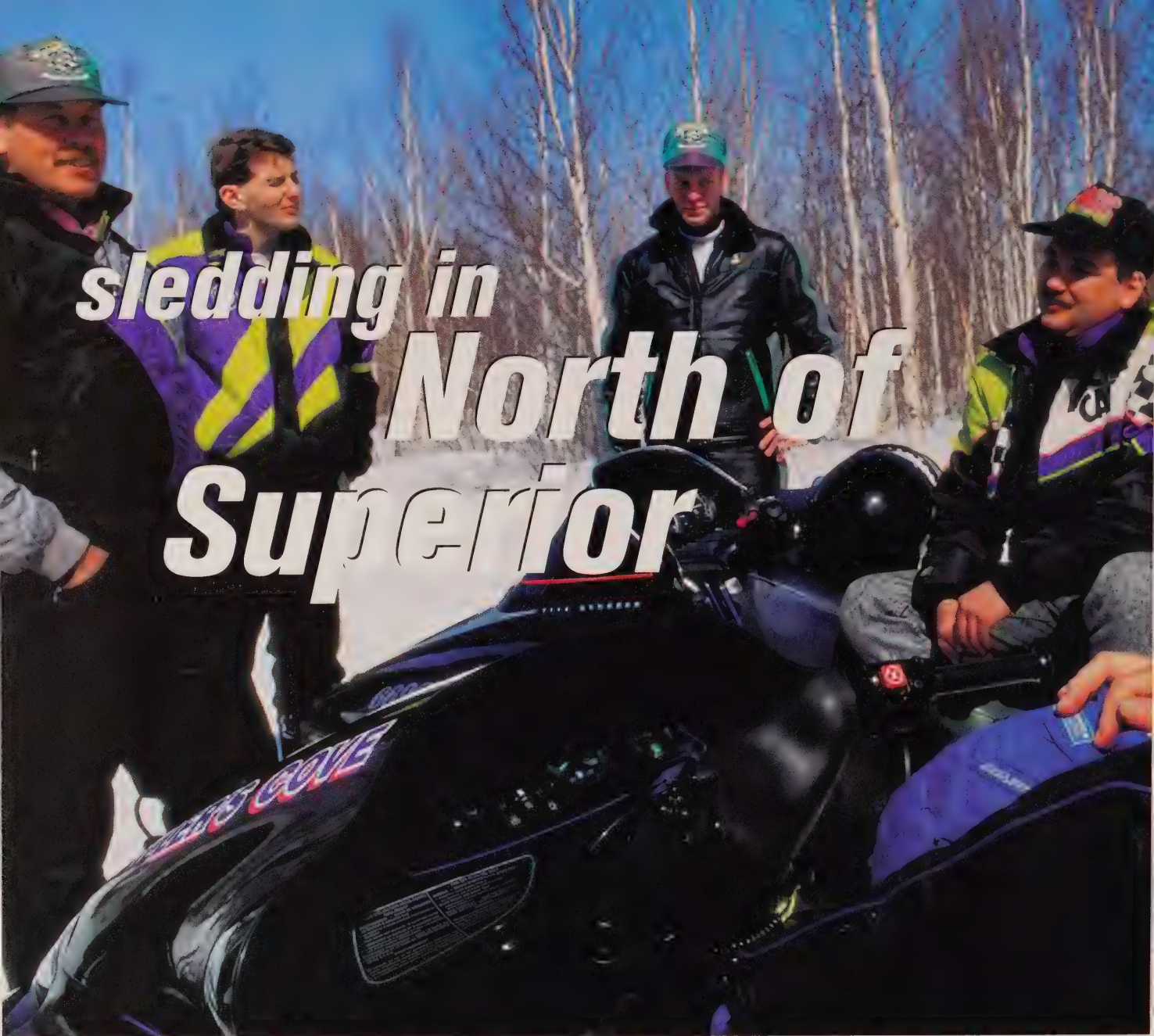
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Trail Highlights

- Let 3,500 km (2,100 mi.) of groomed OFSC trails carry you over thrilling hills and pristine landscapes, around picturesque lakes and through deep coniferous forests dramatically draped in white.
- Explore the rugged shores of Lake Superior – the world's largest freshwater lake.
- Take in exciting poker runs, radar runs and competitive races all around the region as a participant or spectator.
- Marvel at Kakabeka Falls – the "Niagara of the North."

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Catch air in the half-pipe on your snowboard. Take the reins with a team of sled dogs. Drop bait through a hole on a frozen lake. Tackle thickly glazed cliffs and discover why the popularity of ice-climbing is soaring. You can experience amazing snowmobiling and more in Ontario's great white North of Superior.

For more information on North of Superior, please visit www.nosta.on.ca, www.ontariotravel.net or visit the North of Superior Snowmobile Association's website – www.nossa.ca or contact them at 1-800-526-7522.



North of Superior

NIPIGON

Nestled in nature about an hour east of Thunder Bay, this small, friendly lakeside community extends a warm welcome year-

round. In winter, it connects you to the main Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trails in the region. Just west of town is the majestic Ouimet Canyon. This magnificent gift from the glaciers is approximately 152 m (500 ft.) deep and wide. Cloaked in white, the chasm takes on a stunning “other-worldly” appearance.

RED ROCK

A few minutes south of Nipigon lies the picturesque town of “Red Rock by the Bay.” Bordered by steep vertical cliffs and the Lake Superior coastline, Red Rock boasts one of the most spectacular panoramic views of the north shore. This trail town is also popular with ice climbers, snowshoers and ice anglers.



TERRACE BAY

The town's name and unique look come from being built on a series of giant steps formed by ancient lakebeds as the last glaciers receded. Here snowmobilers will find the trails of their dreams, cross-country skiers can glide along excellent trails, snowboarders and skiers from novice to expert can enjoy clear long runs – day and night.



MARATHON

Here's a place where snowmobilers come from all over to “go for the snow.” They come for the excellent snow conditions on more than 200 km (120 mi.) of well-developed and groomed OFSC trails leading to the extensive TOP trail system. Over 10 km (6 mi.) of international-standard cross-country trails draw skiers. Alpine enthusiasts can choose from 12 downhill runs with a 105 m (350 ft.) drop. At nearby Pukaskwa National Park, you can enjoy winter camping in the Hattie Cove campground – accessible by snowshoes or cross-country skis.

MANITOUWADGE

Manitouwadge is an Ojibway word meaning, “Cave of the Great Spirit.” Here, spirits are high all season with activities ranging from snowmobiling and skiing to hockey and curling. Take part in the Superior Snow Challenge Loop where six host communities will treat you to “superior” hospitality. A great time to visit is during Frosty Days – a winter festival in February.

THUNDER BAY

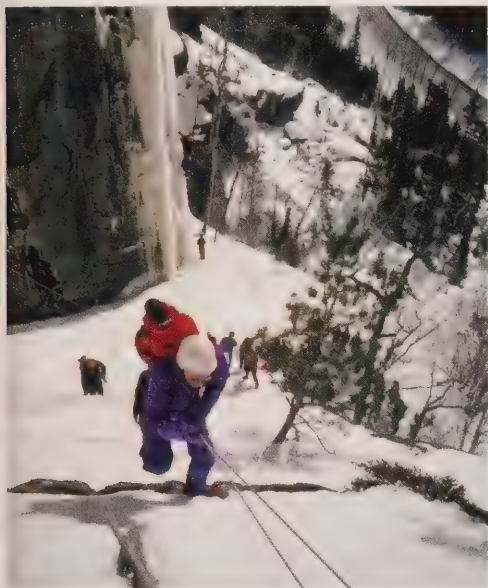
Located at the geographic centre of Canada, Thunder Bay welcomes snowmobiling enthusiasts from everywhere, with all the amenities of a city and easy access to endless kilometres of clearly marked and carefully groomed OFSC trails.

In the city, you can dine in fine restaurants or in casual cafés. Take in a theatre performance or a local



hockey game. Catch a movie or some music at a club. Stay in a downtown hotel or a cosy bed and breakfast. End your day with an authentic Finnish sauna to warm you up for a restful sleep.

Outside the city, head west to be awed by Kakabeka



Falls – the “Niagara of the North.” Head east to Sleeping Giant Provincial Park situated on a rugged peninsula of thick forests, numerous lakes and

high granite cliffs. The park offers some of the most dramatic heights and lookout points in the province.

Superb cross-country ski areas take you through rolling hills, hidden valleys and on challenging climbs. The area is also reputed to have the best downhill skiing between the Rockies and the Laurentians. For the daringly adventurous, tall, ice-cloaked cliffs are such an ice climber’s paradise that Thunder Bay hosts North America’s only ice climbing festival.

For more information please visit,

www.visitthunderbay.com

WHITEFISH LAKE

Head west and south from Thunder Bay around 30 km (18 mi.) to this truly pristine lake situated about



56 km (35 mi.) from the Minnesota/Ontario border crossing at Pigeon Lake. Snowmobilers will find the local hospitality irresistible and be delighted on some



of the best-groomed and least-crowded trails in the world. Ice scalers head for the Artesian Wells Ice Climb at the south-east corner

of the lake. Those with the pioneering spirit can explore Medicine Bluff Trail on snowshoes or cross-country skis.

But the biggest “bravos” come from the ice anglers because Whitefish Lake is internationally renowned for its walleye, jumbo perch and northern pike. The lake rates in Canada’s top-10 for fish productivity so you can count on a catch.

Ride your sled right onto the lake, drill a hole, drop your bait and enjoy the best of both worlds.

For more information on North of Superior, please visit www.nosta.on.ca or www.ontariotravel.net

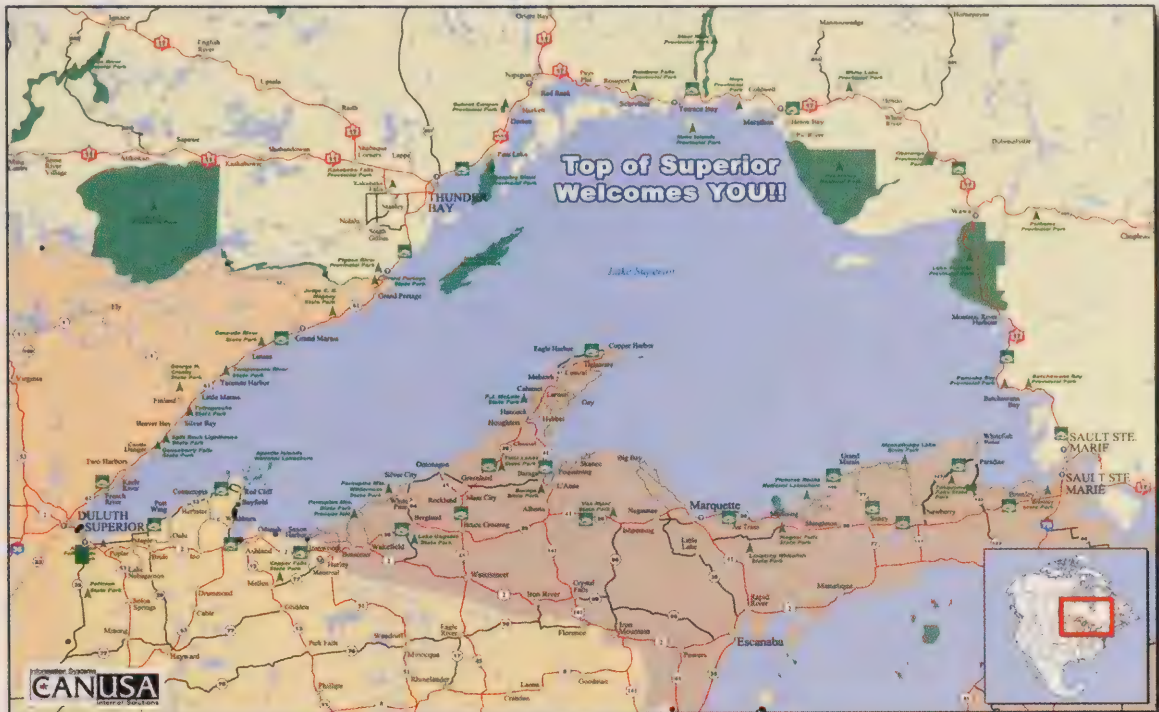


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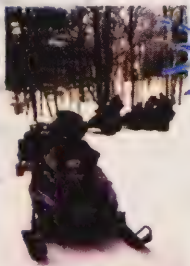
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A photograph of two people on snowmobiles in a snowy, forested area. The person in the foreground is wearing a red helmet and a black jacket with red and white stripes on the sleeve. The snowmobile has "POLARIS" written on the side. The person in the background is wearing a blue helmet and a black jacket. The snowmobile has "Indy" and "MAD MA" written on the side, along with the number "512044". The background is a dense forest of evergreen trees covered in snow.

sledding in **James Bay Frontier**

Discover hundreds of spectacular frozen lakes, rushing rivers and meandering trailside streams. Explore dense white forests teeming with wildlife in a land where the joy of snowmobiling begins long before winter makes its grand entrance in the rest of province.

Extending north from Latchford to Hudson Bay and west from the community of Hearst to the Quebec border, this magical snow-laden region known as the James Bay Frontier has over 5,000 km (3,000 mi.) of groomed trails maintained, operated and groomed by 25 OFSC snowmobile clubs.

Offering everything from “fun runs” to guided snowmobiling tours, challenging saddlebag treks and ultimate wilderness adventure, the James Bay Frontier dishes up a riding experience to appeal to every style and level of snowmobiling. And you can literally tour for weeks without ever following the same trail twice.

Yet, within this rugged wilderness, you’ll never feel isolated because there’s a full range of services along



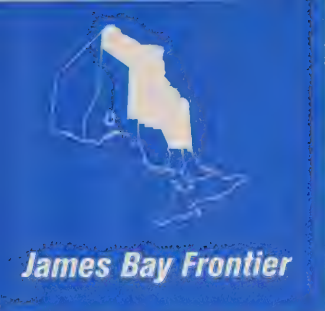
Trail Highlights

- Take to the "road" on 5,000 km (3,000 mi.) of premier snowmobile trails.
- Some of the largest Snowmobile Poker Runs in the world are in the James Bay Frontier Travel Region.
- Discover spectacular scenery and mining history on the Gold Rush Tour.
- Test your sledding skill and endurance on an exhilarating guided wilderness trek to Moosonee.
- Board the Algoma Central Railway in Sault Ste. Marie that takes you to Hearst, the western gateway to the James Bay Frontier.

this vast system of trails – fuel stops, restaurants, accommodations ranging from housekeeping cottages to resorts, and local clubhouses where you can spend an evening unwinding in front of the fireplace with new-found friends.

Welcoming communities also invite snowmobilers to participate in poker runs, family snowmobile races, winter carnivals and festivals, and a host of outdoor activities – downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, dog sledding, sleigh rides, curling and more.

For more information about snowmobiling in James Bay Frontier, please visit www.jamesbayfrontier.com or www.ontariotravel.net



GOLD RUSH TOUR

The Gold Rush Tour is a triangular self-guided route that begins in New Liskeard and continues through the historic gold

one of greatest mining stampedes in history overwhelmed the Cobalt Camp. Today, you can relive this raucous period at the Northern Ontario



Mining Museum where there are also displays of fluorescent rocks and indigenous silver. Besides silver, there's a flurry of winter sports and events in the region. Haileybury and Cobalt participate in New Liskeard's Tri Club Monster Poker Run – the largest snowmobile rally in Ontario, which draws over a thousand participants annually.

mining towns of Kirkland Lake and Timmins, returning via Gogama and Matachewan to New Liskeard. Covering a distance of 800 km (500 mi.) of wide, groomed OFSC trails, the Gold Rush Tour is an exciting two- to three-day adventure that will take you through a fascinating mix of spectacular scenery and gold rush history.

For more information and maps for the Gold Rush Tour, call 1-800-387-8466.

NEW LISKEARD

Once called "Holy Cities" because there are so many churches here, New Liskeard is situated on the James Bay Frontier clay belt and is a farming rather than a mining community. Trails from New Liskeard lead north through picturesque countryside until they give way to the roller coaster hills of Earlton where you can catch TOP Trail A to A108 and Kirkland Lake.



KIRKLAND LAKE

A modern community town with good facilities, Kirkland Lake has a local trail that takes you completely around town, passing several abandoned mining headframes that recall the glory days of the gold rush. Besides snowmobiling, you can downhill and cross-country ski here. And for more about mining, visit the Museum of Northern History at Sir Harry Oakes Chateau where the history of one of Canada's richest gold mining districts is depicted.

TIMMINS

Once the largest producer of gold in the Western Hemisphere, Timmins is the only city in the James Bay Frontier, and the largest city area-wise in North America, boasting over 500 lakes and rivers within its boundaries.

One of the most snowmobile-friendly cities in Ontario, Timmins has marked, groomed OFSC trails



COBALT/HAILEYBURY

Haileybury and Cobalt are part of the Tri-Town area that also includes New Liskeard. Silver was discovered in these parts in 1903 and by 1905,



within the city for easy access to gas stations, restaurants, shopping, entertainment and a wide variety of accommodations. If you want take a break from the trails for a day or two, there's excellent alpine skiing, and special events include the Annual Gold Rush Poker Rally in January and the South Porcupine Winter Carnival in February.

COCHRANE/IROQUOIS FALLS/MATHESON



Situated on the Arctic Watershed, the community of Cochrane is home to the Tim Horton Museum, the only museum in Canada dedicated to one hockey player. As one might expect, hockey tourna-

ments, curling bonspiels, dogsledding expeditions, cross-country skiing and all kinds of outdoor sports are the name of the game in this region. From Cochrane, you can book a 725 km (450 mi.) two-day wilderness snowmobiling odyssey to Moosonee, which is definitely not for the "faint of heart."

In nearby Matheson and Iroquois Falls, take in winter festivals and events such as the Iroquois Falls Annual Carnival and the Jackpine Snowmobile Club's Annual Poker Run.



KAPUSKASING

Kapuskasing means "that which branches from" in the Cree language and describes the



branching of the Kapuskasing River from the Missinaibi River. A friendly little community, Kapuskasing monitors the Northern Lights for Johns Hopkins University with 12 towers just

outside town. In November, it hosts the Festival of Lights and in February, the Extravaganza Snowmobile Rally. Nearby Smooth Rock Falls is home to North America's shortest chartered standard-gauge railway.

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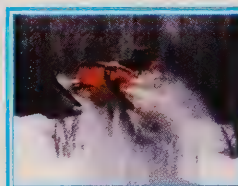
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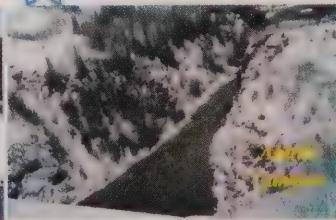
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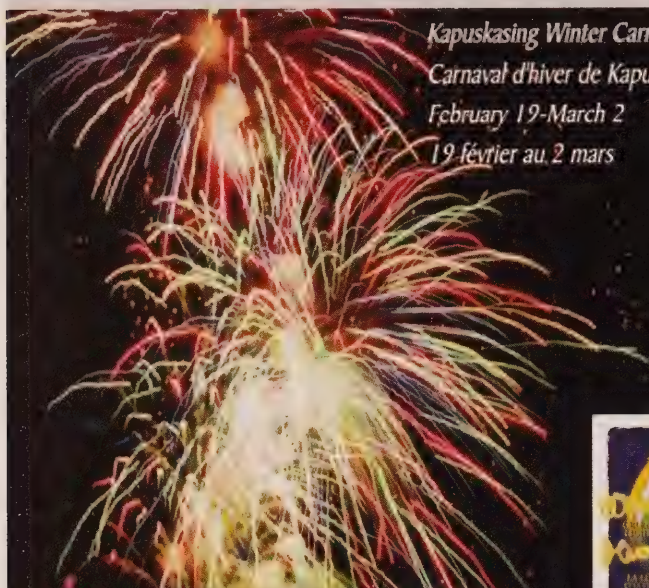
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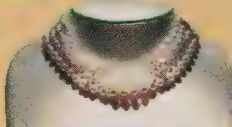


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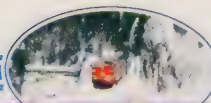
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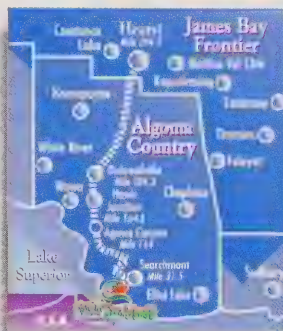
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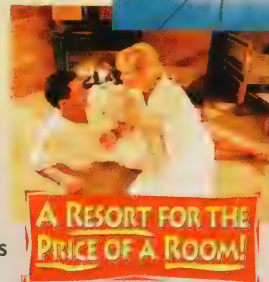
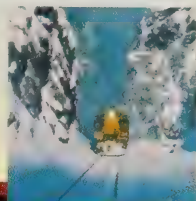


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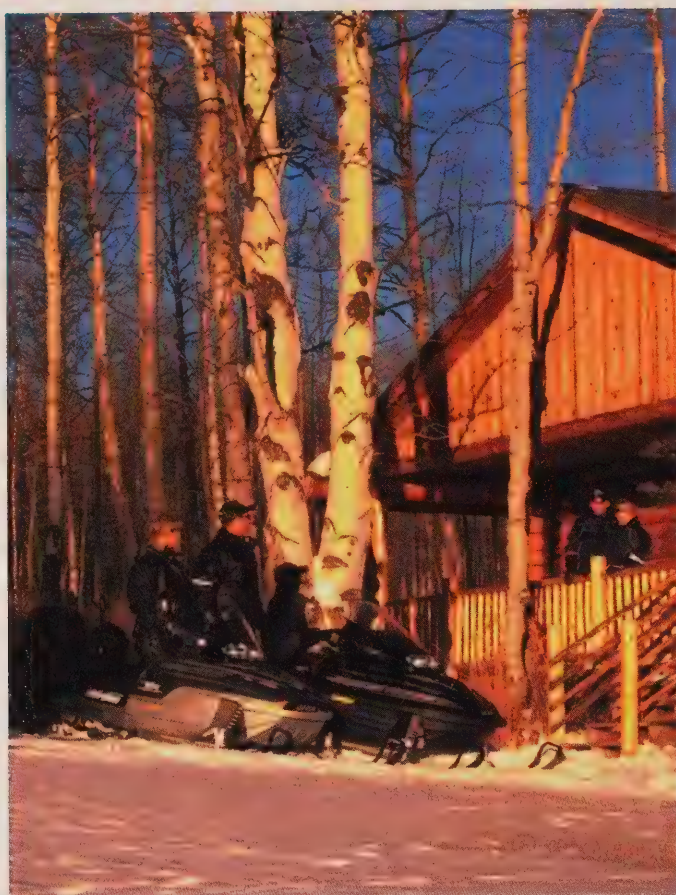
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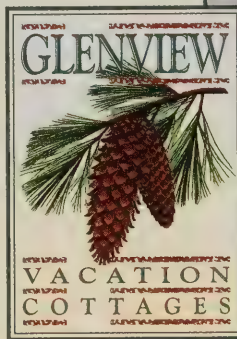


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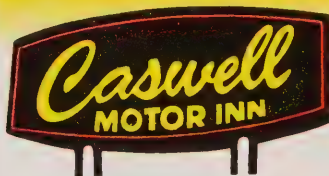
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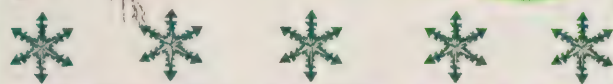
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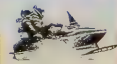
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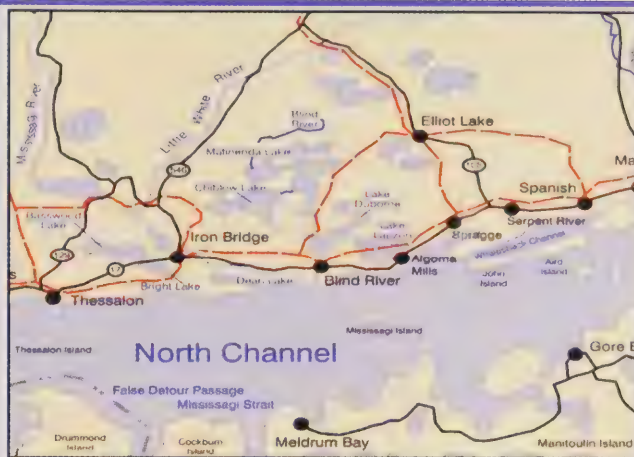
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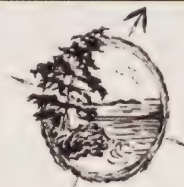
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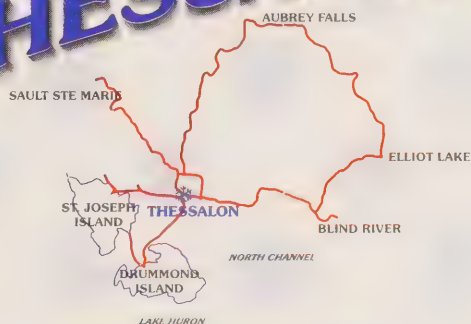
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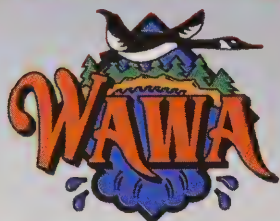
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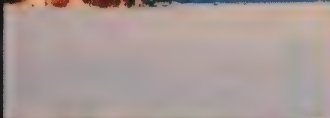
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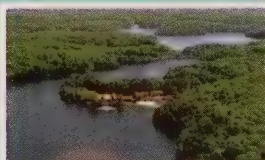
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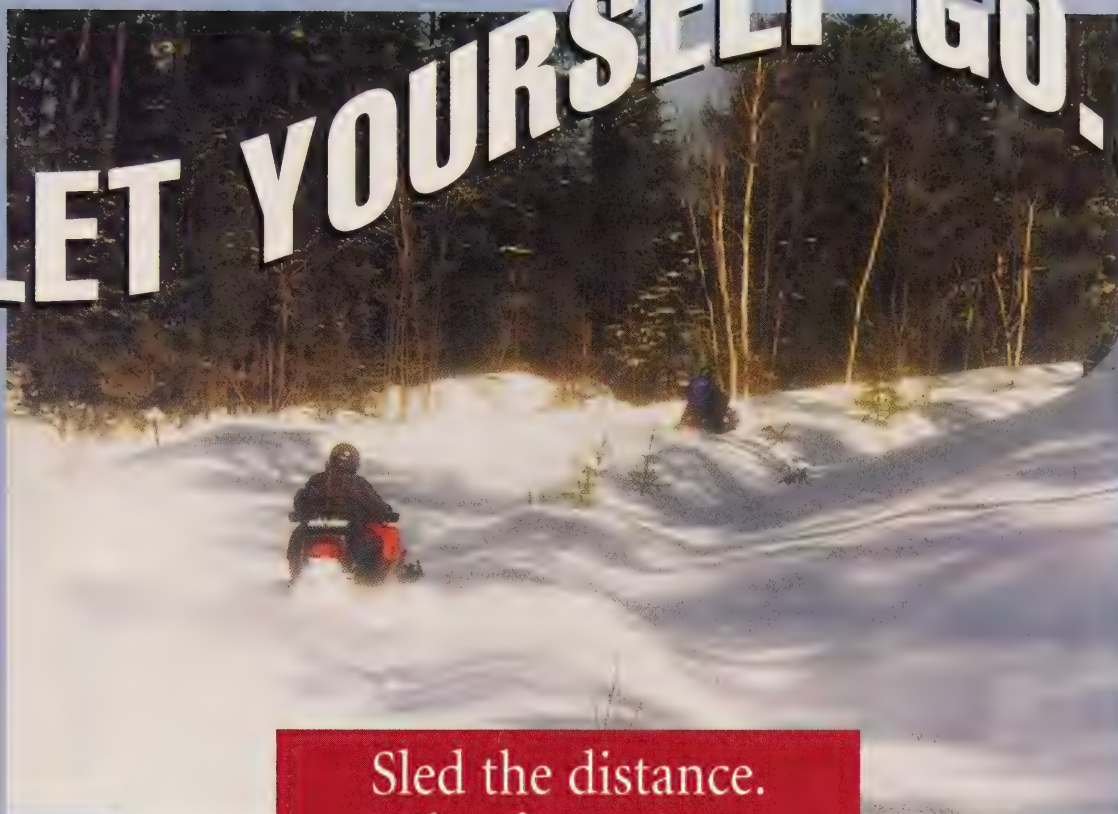


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On behalf of its eight-member clubs, the STP association keeps the trails some of the best in Ontario through an intensive 24/7 grooming operation that maintains an average trail width of 14 feet.

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Travel the Ring Trail

A unique feature of the STP is the Ring Trail, a loop that connects riders to the trail systems of member clubs, allowing sledders to access different experiences every day.

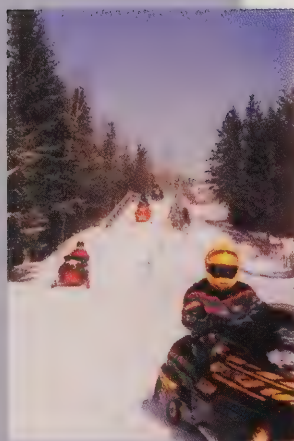
Share our Favourite Haunts

To the northwest, the STP passes an ice fishing village on Whitewater Lake where the locals are proud to show off their prize Walleye and Pike.

To the northeast, trails skirt the edges of giant Lake Wanapitei and climb Wolf Mountain where sledders gather for a panoramic view of some 30 km (nearly 20 miles) of scenic northern terrain.

To the south, trails meander scenic deciduous and coniferous forests, pass natural ice formations at Long Lake and scan the Killarney and La Cloche Mountain ranges.

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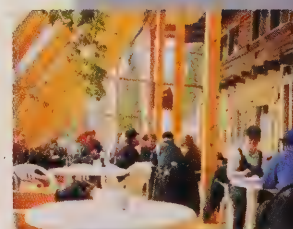
River crossings

Sledders cross the 56 metre (185 foot) STP snowmobile bridge that spans the Onaping River.



Scenic spots

The Wanapitei Dam is one of dozens of popular resting spots throughout the STP.



Sled-friendly stops

STP features plenty of stops for fuel, food and lodging. Many have established themselves as "points of interest" for touring sledders.

PLAY FAVOURITES...



Sledding Aside...

Sudbury's unique attractions and diverse range of leisure activities present numerous off trail adventures too!

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What's On Where

Sudbury's entertainment scene presents a variety of options, from art exhibitions, symphony concert performances and live theatre, to hard hitting OHL hockey and "Sudbury on a Saturday Night."

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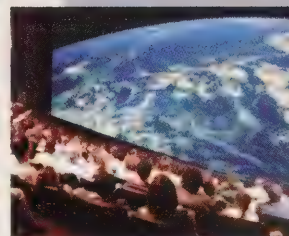
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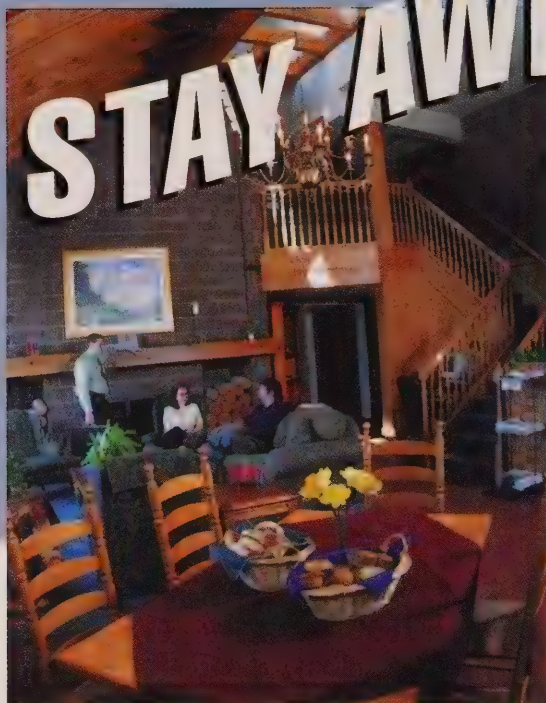
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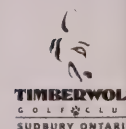


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Home of “The Greatest Snow on Earth,” the Near North Trail Association maintains 3,500 km (2,100 mi.) of groomed and marked OFSC snowmobiling trails that stretch from Novar to Temagami, and from the French River to Mattawa. Offering limitless riding possibilities for every level of expertise, this spectacular area is known for its self-guided tours. For all levels, snowmobiling is easy and accessible in the Near North – packages, snowmobile rentals and complete outfitting is available.

The Near North dishes up a treasure trove of other winter-friendly activities. Cross-country ski or snowshoe on trails that thread through awesome terrain and majestic forests. Fly down the slopes of North Bay’s Jack Pine Hill. Book a



Trail Highlights

- Experience limitless riding possibilities on 3,500 km (2,100 mi.) of OFSC groomed trails that are maintained by the Near North Trail Association.
- Park and ride from Port Loring where trails total approximately 1,250 km (775 mi.) of OFSC trails.
- Participate in radar and poker runs, snowmobile races and other events organized by local snowmobile clubs.
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Look for accommodations throughout the region that vary from cottages, camps and lodges to hotels and motels in the larger areas.

For more information about snowmobiling and other winter activities in Near North's Blue Sky Region, please visit www.ontariosnearnorth.on.ca, www.ontariotravel.net or call 1-800-387-0516.

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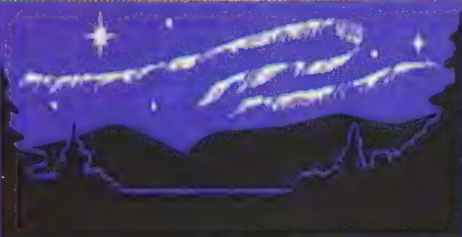


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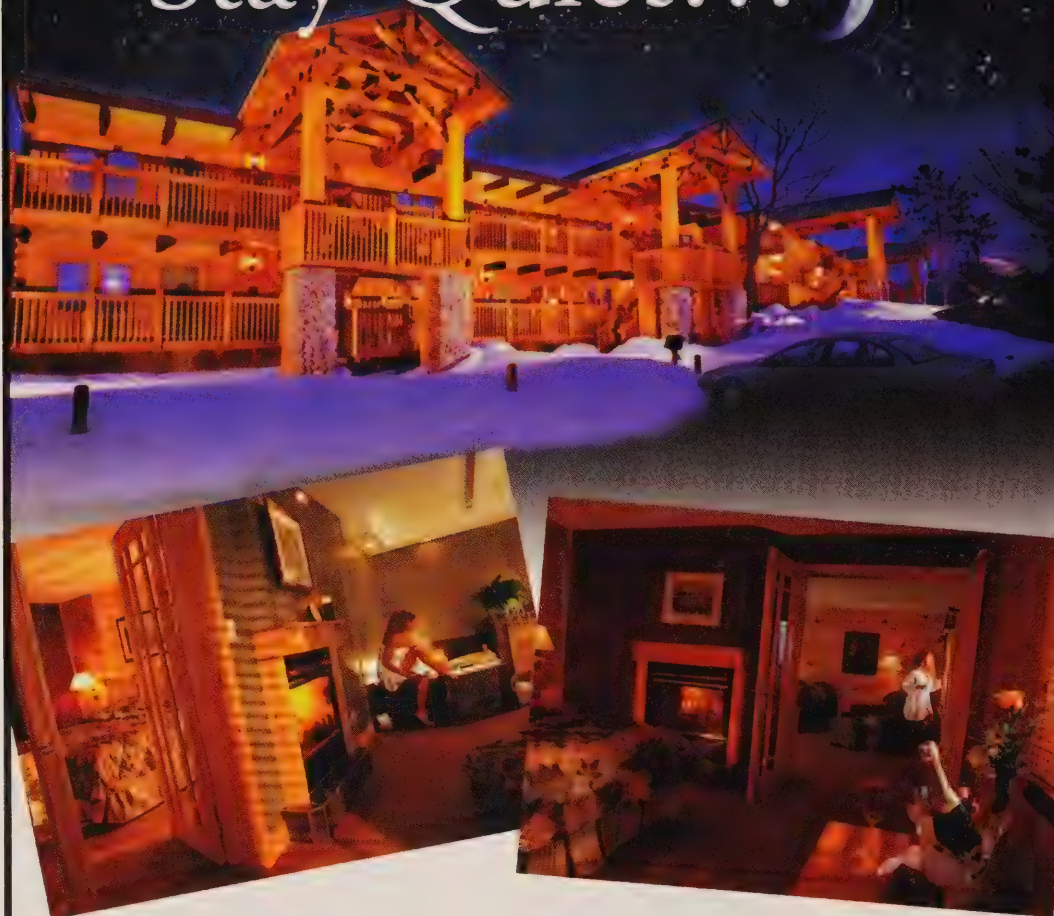
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(416) 314-2000
Website: www.mnr.gov.on.ca

Northern Ontario
Tourist Outfitters Association
Tel: (705) 472-5552
Fax: (705) 472-0621
E-mail: noto@onlink.net
Website: www.noto.net

OFSC (Ontario Federation
of Snowmobile Clubs)
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ENJOYING YOUR VISIT

In Snow Country Ontario, we want to make sure everyone has the best snowmobile adventure possible. So, we've included some tips that'll help everything run smoothly on the trails.

A FEW RULES AND REGULATIONS WHEN SNOWMOBILING IN ONTARIO

- The same rules of the road that motor vehicle drivers follow are the rules of the trails for snowmobile drivers. These rules carry similar penalties, including possible fines, loss of driver's licence, criminal charges and/or imprisonment.
- Everyone needs to carry a valid driver's licence, along with current snowmobile registration and proof of insurance, at all times when on the trails.
- To drive a snowmobile legally, it's mandatory that

you possess a valid driver's licence and/or snowmobile operator's permit.

- Both driver and passenger need to wear a helmet when riding a snowmobile.
- To ride on Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs prescribed snowmobile trails, be sure your

valid Snowmobile Trail permit is affixed to your windshield. You can buy a permit from any local snowmobile dealer or at various snowmobile clubs. When you buy a Snowmobile Trail Permit

a portion of the purchase price goes toward local maintenance and/or upgrading of existing trails and the development of new trails. See the ad on the



outside back cover or call (705) 739-7669 for a location convenient to you.

- 2002/2003 Snowmobile Trail Permit fees (in Canadian funds including GST):
Full Season permit price \$170 (if purchased on or before December 1, 2002 is \$140).
Seven-day Permit (seven consecutive days) \$100 (may be purchased on the trail from OFSC Trail Wardens where available). One-day Permit is \$35.
- Do not drink and ride.
- Stay on marked OFSC trails.
- Obey posted speed limits.
- Please keep rowdy behaviour off the trails.
- OFSC trails are for snowmobiling in the wintertime only; please stay off the trails during all other seasons.
- Be polite and respectful of landowners.
- Close gates after you pass through.
- Report any property damage.
- Leave tracks, not trash.
- Take care not to damage small shrubs and saplings along the trails.
- Be mindful of the domestic animals and wildlife.
- Be sensible about riding at night close to homes.
- Leave private property when requested.
- If you'd like to camp, set a fire or have a cookout along the trail, you'll need to get permission beforehand.
- Use the bathrooms provided by clubs and local pit stops.
- Help keep noise pollution to a minimum – don't alter stock exhaust pipes.
- For everyone's safety, obey the posted speed limits.

BE WISE ON WATERWAYS NEAR HYDROELECTRIC STATIONS AND DAMS

Remember that hydroelectric plants operate year-round and that their operation affects waterflows and ice conditions. Ice that forms several kilometres away

from a dam or generating station can be thin and inconsistent because of the moving water beneath it.

- Avoid snowmobiling, cross-country skiing or ice fishing on rivers or lakes near dams and generating stations.
- Don't risk walking onto a river or lake where the ice may be thin due to the current or where changing water levels have pushed water on top of the ice.

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ONTARIO TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTRES



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ONTARIO TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTRES

The following Ontario Travel Information Centres are run by the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation) and provide tourist information on the entire province. Centres stock brochures and offer public restroom facilities. We suggest that you call 1-800-ONTARIO to verify hours of operation at the travel centres.

Barrie, (Hwy. 400 & Molson Park Dr.)
21 Molson Park Dr. L4M 6E7
Tel: (705) 725-7280 Fax: (705) 725-7285
May 15 - June 13 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
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Dec. 1 - Mar. 31 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Sept. 2 - May 14 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fort Erie*, 315 Bertie St. L2A 6S6
Tel: (905) 871-3505 Fax: (905) 871-6461
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Fort Frances*, 400 Central Ave. P9A 1X8
Tel: (807) 274-7566 Fax: (807) 274-7870
Up to May 16 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 17 - Sept. 1 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sept. 2 - May 14 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Niagara Falls*, 5355 Stanley Ave. L2E 7C2
Tel: (905) 358-3221 Fax: (905) 358-6441
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St. Catharines*, (Westbound QEW at
east end of Garden City Skyway)
RR 4, Niagara-on-the-Lake L0S 1J0
Tel: (905) 684-6354 Fax: (905) 684-3634
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Sarnia*, Blue Water Bridge
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Sault Ste. Marie*, 261 Queen St. West P6A 1A3
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Windsor Park*, 110 Park St. East N9A 3A9
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Hawkesbury, Highway 417, RR 1
Chute a Blondeau K0B 1B0
Tel: (613) 674-2000 Fax: (613) 674-2689
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Hill Island*, Highway 137 (Lansdowne)
RR 1, Hill Island K0E 1L0
Tel: (613) 659-2108 Fax: (613) 659-2102
May 15 - 25 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
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Sat. - Wed. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
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Lancaster, Highway 401 & Highway 2
RR 1 K0C 1N0
Tel: (613) 347-3498 Fax: (613) 347-3435
May 15 - 25 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
May 26 - June 14
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June 15 - Sept. 1 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sept. 2 - Oct. 8 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kenora, (Hwy. 17 at ON/MB Border)
c/o General Delivery, Keewatin P0X 1C0
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Prescott, (Hwy. 16 at US/Canada Border)
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Rainy River, 301 Atwood Ave.
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Tel: (807) 852-4449 Fax: (807) 852-3124
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Canadian Immigration Centre

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P4A 1K5

Canadian Immigration Centre

975 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
P7B 6N5

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